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COUNTRY: NORTH VIETNAM
DOI: MAY AND JUNE 1967
SUBJECT: ATTITUDE OF NORTH VIETNAM AND VIET CONG LEADERS
AND PEOPLE TOWARD WAR

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[REDACTED] DONG IS FED UP WITH THE WAR. HO CHI MINH, HOWEVER, DOES NOT SHARE THIS FEELING; HO HAS HIS HEAD IN THE CLOUDS AND IS OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE REALITY OF THE WAR.

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2. [REDACTED] THE NORTH VIETNAMESE WHO DO MOST OF THE FIGHTING IN THE WAR ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND TWENTY-FIVE. THEY HAVE NEVER KNOWN ANYTHING BUT WAR AND THEY ARE PSYCHOLOGICALLY CONDITIONED TO BELIEVE THAT THE ONLY END THE WAR CAN HAVE IS VICTORY FOR THEIR SIDE.

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3. IN DISCUSSING AN EXTREMELY HARD-LINE SPEECH CONCERNING THE WAR IN VIETNAM WHICH WAS MADE BY DINH BA THI, CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (NLF) MISSION IN BUDAPEST AND HEAD OF THE NLF DELEGATION TO THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE, [REDACTED] THI HAS BEEN IN BUDAPEST FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT RETURNING TO HANOI. AS A RESULT OF THIS, THI HAD NOT SHARED THE HARDSHIPS OF THE PEOPLE LIVING IN NORTH VIETNAM AND CONCEIVES THAT THE PEOPLE CAN ENDURE THESE HARDSHIPS INDEFINITELY.

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[REDACTED] "IT IS EASY TO TAKE A HARD LINE ON THE WAR

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WHEN LIVING IN BUDAPEST."

4. [REDACTED] THE SPEECH THI DELIVERED AT THE
CONFERENCE WAS SOFTER THAN THE ONE HE ORIGINALLY
SUBMITTED [REDACTED] THI THEN
DECIDED NO NLF DELEGATION WOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.
HE SUBSEQUENTLY RELENTED AND AGREED TO ATTEND AS AN
OBSERVER ONLY.

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